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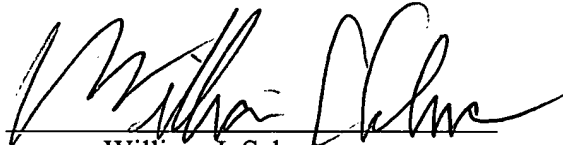
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namely Section 2.1, which gives a brief discussion as to fundamentals of the optical setup for shearography.

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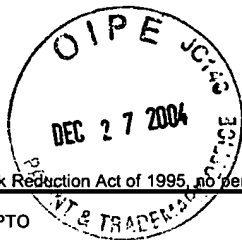
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